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CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY IN GDP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are taking some specific steps to develop the tourism industry so that its contribution to GDP can be doubled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of present contribution of tourism industry to GDP ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) and (b): In order to develop the tourism industry and increase its share in GDP, the Central Department ofTourism has taken the following steps:

(i) Hotels are allowed to import items which are not under the negative list upto 25% of the foreign exchange earnings and the tour operators, travel agents and restaurants are allowed upto 10% under the incentive quota.

(ii) The tourism units who have been accorded the status of Export Houses are allowed to furnish legal undertaking inplace of Bank Guarantee.

(iii) For the first three years of the Ninth Plan, 1018projects amounting to Rs.227.08 crores have been sanctioned to strengthen tourism infrastructure in various States/UTs.

(iv) The Government is attracting foreign as well as domestic tourists by promoting India through its 18 overseas offices by advertising in print & electronic media, participations in travel fairs, inviting media and Travel Agents, extensive use of Information Technology in tourism promotion etc.

(v) Encourage private investment in tourism sector.

(c) the present contribution of tourism industry to DPG is less than 1 per cent.